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Response to Reply Brief

The examiner would like to acknowledge the receipt of the applicant's reply brief. The examiner has reviewed the brief and has made it part of the file. The examiner will forward the reply brief and the remainder of the file to the Board of Appeals for their review. The examiner believes that all of the applicant's issues that were raised in the reply brief have been dealt with in the Examiner's Answer. Therefore, the examiner will not respond any further to the arguments presented by the appellant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian E. Glessner whose telephone number is 703-305-0031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-5:00.

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